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Telecom Districts
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) total number of telephone districts of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals for creation of new BSNL/MTNL telephone district in newly declared districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the new telephone districts are likely to be created?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Circle-wise details of total number of telephone districts of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are given in Annexure.

(b) & (c) BSNL has received following proposals for creation of Telephone Districts during the last 5 years (2011 − 2015):
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State District
Bihar Arwal, Jahanabad & Sitamarhi
Gujarat Porbandar & Patan
Chhattisgarh Jashpur
Tamil Nadu Tiruppur
Rajasthan Karauli
Maharashtra Palghar
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(d) & (e) The above proposals were examined by BSNL and the creation of such districts was not found feasible in view of competitive environment and cost effectiveness.